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SUBJECT: ROMANIANS NOTE WARSAW PACT ANNIVERSARY

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1. WHILE MAY 13 DEADLINE FOR DENUNCIATION OF WARSAW PACT (NEVER MORE THAN THEORETICAL POSSIBILITY FOR ROMANIA) HAS PASSED, SCINTEIA ARTICLE BY V. ALEXANDRESCU MAY 14 MARKING TREATY'S 19TH ANNIVERSARY AMPLY CONVEYS GOR'S CURRENT DISSATISFACTION WITH PACT AND HINTS AT ITS STRATEGY FOR WRIGGLING SOMEWHAT FREER FROM MOSCOW'S SNARES.

2. ARTICLE FOCUSES ON NEED TO SHIFT WP EMPHASIS FROM MILITARY TO POLITICAL BUT MAKES CLEAR ANY NEW ACCENT

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ON "PERFECTING (PACT'S) RECIPROCAL INFORMING AND CONSOLIDATING SYSTEM" SHOULD PROMOTE LOOSENING AND EVENTUALLY

DISSOLVING, NOT REFORGING, OF WP BONDS WITHIN GENERAL EUROPEAN DETENTE FRAMEWORK. HIGHLIGHTING CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES IN EUROPE SINCE PACT'S INCEPTION. ARTICLE STIPULATES THAT PROPER SUBJECT OF "INTENSE DIPLOMATIC-POLITICAL ACTIVITY" SHOULD BE "TRANSCENDING THE ANACHRONISTIC DIVISION OF CONTINENT INTO OPPOSING MILITARY GROUPS." THIS "ACTIVITY", ARTICLE IMPLIES, SHOULD ALSO BE ALL-EUROPEAN, NOT NECESSARILY ONLY WITH PACT.

3. LEST SOVIETS MISS MESSAGE, ARTICLE SOUNDS SEVERAL OTHER SUCH FAMILIAR NOTES AS ROMANIA'S DETERMINATION TO COOPERATE MILITARILY NOT ONLY WITH PACT MEMBERS BUT "ALL" SOCIALIST STATES (READ CHINA AND YUGOSLAVIA) AND TO BUILD UP "OUR NATIONAL ARMY" AGAINST "ANY IMPERIALIST ATTACK" THAT COULD ENDANGER ROMANIA'S "TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, INDEPENDENCE, AND SOVEREIGNTH" (READ USSR AMONG OTHERS).

4. COMMENT; ALTHOUGH SEVERAL REPORTS IN NATO 2499 TENDED TO PORTRAY PACT PCC DISCUSSION OF INTENSIFIED POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS AND POSSIBLE NEW "BODY" FOR THIS PURPOSE AS SOVIET INITIATIVE AIMED AT LINING UP OTHER PACT MEMBERS AGAINST ROMANIA, ABOVE SCINTEIA WP ANNIVERSARY PIECE WOULD INDICATE ROMANIAN KNACK FOR INTERPRETING IDEA, WHATEVER ITS SOURCE, IN GOR'S FAVOR AND USING "POLITICAL ACTIVITY" RUBRIC FOR MAINTAINING ROMANIA'S OWN FREEDOM OF ACTION. THERE IS ALSO POINT THAT WE HAVE BEEN TOLD FROM GOR LEADERSHIP ITSELF (BUCHAREST 1657) THAT SOVIETS HAD PRESSED FOR MORE MILITARY FOCUS OF PACT WHILE CEAUSESCU HAD COUNTERED THAT PACT SHOULD INCREASINGLY SHIFT TOWARD POLITICAL PURPOSES (BY WHICH GOR WOULD MEAN LESS POLITICAL INTEGRATION OF PACT, NOT MORE).
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